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First Joint Committee Resolution on Biotechnology 2001

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Report Highlights:

The Senate and House Committees on Science and Technology last 21 November 2001 approved a joint resolution calling for the Philippine legislature to support the adoption of biotechnology as a national strategy for improving agricultural productivity and attaining global competitiveness.

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In a legislative forum on biotechnology held last 21 November 2001, Senator Ramon B. Magsaysay and Congressman Rodolfo C. Bacani, Chairpersons of the Committees on Science and Technology of the Senate and the House of Representatives, respectively, signed a joint committee resolution in support of the adoption of biotechnology as a national strategy for improving agricultural productivity and attaining global competitiveness. The resolution further resolved that the Philippines enact appropriate legislation and policy instruments to hasten the commercialization of agricultural biotechnology; that the Philippines sustain its human resource and strengthen biotechnology research and development; that the GOP support a public information drive on biotechnology; and that the GOP ensures a conducive policy and institutional environment that would enable the country to realize the promise of biotechnology for the benefit of the Filipino people as well as the preservation of the Philippine environment and national patrimony. The Senate and Lower House committee resolution is significant as it is the first joint resolution signed on biotechnology.